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Shhh.... Be Silent

NSU GSSA participates in a national Day of Silence

By Alaina Siminovsky
A&E Editor

On April 13, NSU's GSSA participated in the national day of silence. Participants were silent literally all day, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Some spoke only in class, others refused to do so, and the rest wore shirts to represent statistics. The Day of Silence is to represent those silenced by injustices committed against them because of their sexual orientation.

In order to mark themselves, silent participants wore shirts that said: Silence Speaks Volumes. Maire Cuneo, Jessica Boyd, Grecia Chami, Michael Sue Jenefsky, Giselle Gavira, Diana Hoffman, Claudia Patino Funney, Sami Ray, Mysti Fackler, Jason Peebles and Liz Harbaugh were voices symbolically absent from the campus all day long.

The outside patio of the Parker Building was noticeably quieter than on the average day. Participants camped out doing work, listening to music, or reading, and passed out pamphlets and stickers to passers by. When questioned about their silence, a slip of paper with the message noted to the right was given as the only response. Posters lined the Parker entrance depicting messages of silence.

At 7 p.m. behind the Goodwin Residence Hall, the silent protesters gathered to break their silence. Screams and clapping broke the silence that many had been enduring since the early morning. Afterwards, music and food were provided as the protesters finally got to talk. If you are interested in learning more about GSSA activities on campus, contact the newly elected 2005-2006 president Jessica Boyd at jboyd@nova.edu.

Above: GSSA participated in a national day of silence. Participants: Jason Peebles, Liz Harbaugh, Maire Cuneo, Jessica Boyd, Grecia Chami, Michael Sue Jenefsky, Giselle Gavira, Diana Hoffman, Rich Cooper, Claudia Patino Funney, Sami Ray, and Misty Fackler. Photo by Paul Saneaux

In the FBI's last report, there were over one thousand hate crimes against people based on sexual orientation in the U.S. in 2003. The published number is 1,239- that's almost four hate crimes against gay men, lesbians, transgender and bisexual people a day.

April 13, 2005- Day of Silence

Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. My deliberate silence echoes that silence which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step towards fighting these injustices. Think about the voices that you are not hearing today.... What are you doing to end the silence?

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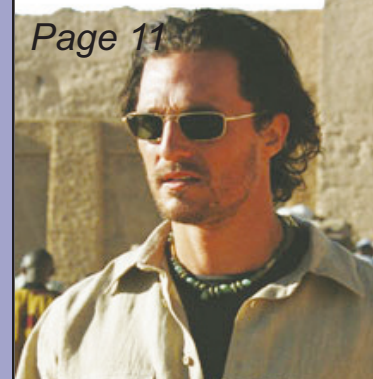
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Library Happenings

By Africa Barfield
Director of Marketing and Community Relations

Free Library Service for Students

Ask a Librarian is a free online information service provided by Florida libraries. Live, online help is available 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. You may submit your question(s) via email 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Librarians are available to provide library assistance to patrons in person or by phone, email, or chat. Librarians are also available to provide both individual and class-based library training and research consultations. For more information, log on to www.nova.edu/library/help/askalib.html,

or stop by the reference desk at the Alvin Sherman Library to schedule an appointment. North Miami Beach Branch Library Manager Laura Ramirez has been certified as a trainer in a program to assist librarians in building a relationship with Spanish speaking students and library patrons. The State Library and Archives of Florida is one of four state libraries piloting a new training developed by WebJunction. The trainer program will help library staff learn more about the Hispanic/Latino culture and will show libraries how to establish partnerships with the Spanish-speaking community. Program participants hope this effort will assist in encouraging

more Spanish-speakers to use the library and the computer technology available. For more information on additional initiatives to encourage the Spanish speaking community to use library resources please call 954 262-4601.

Take Us Out to the Ballgame: A Special Baseball Event

Join us Wednesday, April 20 from 3:30 - 7 p.m. for a special baseball event that will include a surprise guest from the Florida Marlins. The event includes a lecture on Baseball History and Literature with Drs. Gary



Laura Ramirez
Photo courtesy Gerlinde Photography

Gershman and Marlisa Santos. Film clips for the whole family. Hot dog reception sponsored by the Davie-Cooper City Rotary. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information please call 954 262-5477.

Crisis and Mayhem Spread Over Math 1030 Conflict

By Nicolle Garber
Staff Writer

MyMathLab, an online system used for homework and quizzes is the existing program for Math 1030. It has, during the time of its implementation, caused a disturbance among many students. The already problematic concepts of math were troubling enough for some, but the idea of solving math problems in an uncooperative atmosphere has done the opposite of what it was intended to do - make students dislike math.

The program, installed in 2004, has produced a bitter following of students taking the basic math course. For such a fundamental class, many have complained of its intricacies. Although the online program is well organized, giving students step by step information on how to properly solve problems and allowing students to do a certain type of problem numerous times, it is, in actuality, a painstaking process. "I took calculus last year and know the algebra rules off the top of my head, but MyMathLab has forced their own set of rules into doing the work that is more confusing," says Athma Birju, a freshman majoring in Legal Studies.

Students are also perplexed by the plethora of buttons to press to solve a simple equation. Since most of the work is done on a computer, students have been obliged to stare at the monitor screen for hours in order to complete the tasks; "staring at the screen just kills my eyes, and I'd rather stare at a book," commented Claudia Harris, a freshman studying Marine Biology, where proper math skills are

crucial.

The class, although not specified as an online course, is comprised mostly of online subject matter. All homework and quizzes are done online: the only graded assignment given in class is the mid-term and the final.

Another problem is students without home access to a computer with online capabilities. Students are faced with a number of problems, for example: searching for a computer with all the plug-ins the program requires, finding a computer in a public place that allows those plug-ins to be downloaded, and acquiring a computer in a lab during a preferred time, since the labs are perpetually filled and students may only have a certain time to perform the work. "The labs are always crowded, and I can never get my work done because I'm here all day working and going to practice. I can't go home to do work, so I have to wait until someone is finished, or just leave," stated Marilité Vasquez-Gonzalez, a freshman taking Math 1030, who is majoring in Legal Studies and a member of the NSU Women's Crew.

Because the class was never listed as an "online class," students who knew that finding and acquiring computers with internet access would be a dilemma chose this class, never expecting to have to go to the trouble after all. "If I wanted an online course I would have signed up for one. I hate this system and it makes class very impersonal," said Pamela Segal, a Psychology major.

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"The way the Math Program is set up this semester is completely different from how it was last semester. The teacher no

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- Victor Calderin

longer has any control and the whole online deal creates confusion, as the online quizzes are very particular about how the answer is typed in. I think the way that the setup is now is completely ridiculous and I think that the program should go back to the other way," said sophomore Trey Gillette, Computer Science Major.

Overall, the many students taking the course are displeased with the program. The material is made unexpectedly difficult for a basic math level, and to further agitate this problem is an online program filled with time consuming math problems. Victor Calderin, a freshman who brings homework questions to every class, dislikes MyMathLab entirely. "It has made me dread math and is very time consuming; it takes the fun out of learning, and I don't like spending an hour on one question that the book or the online help doesn't explain too well."

In order to clarify to students MyMathLab's goals and how it came to power, Alicia Giovinazzo has answered a few questions regarding the present ordeal:

1) Why was an online program employed into math 1030 and 1040 as well, and not in other math programs?

MyMathLab is an online learning environment that makes it easy for students to access course materials such as lecture notes, PowerPoint presentations, videos, tutorials,

homework, and assessment tools to enhance their learning of all topics covered in the course. All exercises are algorithmically generated for unlimited practice and offer answer-specific feedback for common errors. Students can view animations, video clips, and the textbook pages appropriate to the exercise they are working on. Students may also view a sample problem or work through a step-by-step guided solution for all exercises.

The math department has tested the capabilities of this system and hopes to see an improvement in students' understanding of mathematics. This combination of a good in-class lecture together with the rich homework, tutorial, and assessment system MyMathLab offers will benefit math students at all levels of mathematics. We hope to incorporate this system in other math courses as well.

2) My Math Lab was just recently implemented; what was the reason for this change? Were there problems in the old Math 1030 Program?

It is not uncommon for students to have difficulty with their math courses. One of our goals is to find ways to enhance mathematics teaching and learning. MyMathLab is a tool that exists due

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Ahhhhh.....Summer is Almost Here: Time to look beyond the brochures

Around this time of the year, the midst of April, when finals are slowing creeping upon us and classes are lethargically coming to an end, what else could we be doing than planning our summer festivities?

As we enthusiastically wait for summer to begin, it's important that we incorporate traveling in our plans. Traveling not only broadens our perspective of the world, but it also facilitates us to look beyond the 5 p.m. news. By plunging directly into the heart of a foreign country or culture, a traveler goes beyond the traditional sightings, and pseudo or stereotypical beliefs the world may perceive of the country.

Furthermore, with traveling, one experiences new cultures and customs. This enables the individual to experience life from a different perspective. The experience itself may increase the scope of our understanding and helps us see things not only differently, but also things we may have previously been oblivious to.

An excursion can also expose us to new ways of intellect, attitude and emotion. Every country around the world has diverse cultures which are equipped with anecdotes that have been passed on from one generation to the next. The stories commemorate and celebrate indomitable heroes who have encountered challenges head-on. If anything, the stories and heroes teach us that with perseverance nothing is impossible.

So this summer, make a promise to yourself and travel. Whether you go visit your aunt in Jamaica, or set off on a voyage to Tahiti, penetrate a new culture and experience life in exciting and unique ways.

Bizarre News

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

A lone, quiet man stood in front of the Capital in Washington D.C. with two suitcases and, upon police questioning, demanded to speak with the president. The New York Times reported that the area was evacuated, and after negotiation with the United States Capitol Police, the man was tackled and dragged away. Once taken into custody, the man still refused to speak and was charged with disorderly conduct. Police found nothing suspicious upon examination of his luggage.



Photo courtesy Jessica Boulanger/ Office of House Majority Whip via Associated Press.

The Wendy's chili finger saga continues. A Reuters article states that the restaurant is now offering a \$50,000 reward for information about the owner of the missing digit after the Wendy's sales plummeted following the incident. In an interesting development, police searched the home of the woman who nearly devoured the finger. The woman has a history of filing suits; she first won a salmonella poisoning case in 2003, and was defeated in 2000 when she sued a car dealership and tire manufacturer following an accident.

Wisconsin officials are going to allow residents to vote on whether to legalize the hunting of cats. Any cat, be it free-roaming or domestic away from

its owner, is a potential target. The Associated Press reported that "Every year in Wisconsin alone, an estimated two million wild cats kill 47 million to 139 million songbirds," which caused hunters to press for widening hunting rights. Those opposed to the measure have established a website at dontshootthecat.com.

An Indian man won the prestigious title of "Village Idiot" when he "sawed through a live wire and topped that by wrecking his truck hours after buying it." For his mishaps, the twenty-seven year old won a \$100 tab at a local bar. Among the runners-up was a man who knocked himself unconscious while opening his car door.

News From Around the World:

Complied by Paul Saneaux

CARIBBEAN Haitian rebel leader Ravix killed



Remissainthe Ravix, leader of the disbanded military group who stood against exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was shot and killed April 10 during a Haitian police and UN raid of the rebel's complex. Officials said Ravix was killed when he attempted to resist arrest; Ravix fled the Delmas industrial district and exchanged fire with police and peacekeeping troops before being killed. Soldiers loyal to Ravix have warned the government that they would take action if Ravix is killed or arrested. For more information, visit www.swissinfo.org.

MIDDLE EAST Cooperative Iran asks nuclear talks

Iran has agreed to nuclear weapon negotiations with Europeans set for April 19. The issue that will be discussed during the conference is the acknowledgement by the Europeans of Iran's peaceful nuclear technology program; the aim, however, is to delineate the terms of the program. Iran seeks to protect its uranium enrichment rights. Despite U.S. threats of attack, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said that "it is wrong to draw an analogy between Iran's situation and internal upheavals in certain countries." For more information, visit www.tehrantimes.com.

ASIA Anti-Japanese protestors rally in China

Protestors gathered around the Japanese Embassy in Beijing to express their anger towards a Japanese textbook that was recently released. Activists claim that the textbook fails to recognize the brutal wartime behavior of the Japanese army during their occupation of many Asian nations during World War II. Critics say the textbook even ignores the fact that the Japanese army forced many Asian women into sexual slavery. Although China bans all protests, the Chinese government allows certain protests on war anniversaries. Ide Keiji, a Japanese Embassy spokesman, stated that protestors were allowed by Chinese police to throw rocks at the Embassy. Japan has demanded an apology from the Chinese government. For information, visit www.bostonherald.com.



SOUTH AMERICA Brazilian army concerned about interests in Amazon

Though the Brazilian army has to worry about drug smugglers, poachers, illegal loggers and miners, and guerillas in the untamed Amazon region, they have new problems to deal with. Foreign interests in the dense jungle area threaten Brazilian control of its own security. The Amazon shares dangerous borders with seven countries, and preventing illegal activities presents a major challenge. Pascal Lamy, former European Union Trade Commissioner and candidate to head the World Trade Organization, already proposed that the Amazon be open to the international community. For more information, visit www.today.reuters.com.

AFRICA UN report predicts future of HIV and AIDS

A new report by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS, named "AIDS in Africa: Three Scenarios to 2025," depicts how Africa will be affected by the pandemic in three separate scenarios over the next 20 years. The most prominent scenario is entitled "Tough Choices- Africa takes a stand," and involves efficient and strict domestic policies by African leaders to prevent the spread of HIV in the long run. Stricter policies involve a drastic increase in Antiretroviral Therapy. Foreign leaders are also included in the decision making of the Tough Choices scenario. For more information, visit www.allafrica.com.

AUSTRALIA Lawmaker urges residents to kill a species of toad

A species of toad, called the cane toad by farmers, was introduced into Australia over 70 years ago and now has run rampant, killing all native animals attempting to eat it. The toad, originally introduced to control the population of beetles on sugar cane plantations, releases a lethal toxin when threatened. To deal with the problem, Liberal Party lawmaker David Tollner advised residents to "hit them on the head" as he did when he was a child. Animal rights groups have countered Tollner's request by suggesting freezing the toads, but they do consider the cane toad a threat. For more information, visit www.story.news.yahoo.com.

All photos courtesy of www.images.wn.com

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MyMathLab brings new heights and hardships to the ever-challenging world of MATH 1030

to the great advances of technology in the world today and many colleges and universities are integrating MyMathLab into their mathematics curriculum. Many other features of MyMathLab will come with even greater capabilities. The main focus of the math department is to work with our students to support mathematics learning and we believe that this program can do that.

3) What are the specific goals of using My Math Lab, and have those goals been met?

Some of these have been mentioned already above. The main goal is related to the homework exercises. MyMathLab makes it easy for students to get instant feedback on homework and step-by-step guided solutions on every type of exercise and not just the ones presented in class by the professor.

4) Have there been instances where students have complained about MyMath Lab?

Yes, this tool is new to some of math courses. Some technical difficulties and conceptual data formats may have caused some concerns. Faculty and mathematics department are working with the students to support mathematics learning. Students need to understand that the understanding of mathematics usually takes many hours of commitment and dedication on both parts, the instructor and the student. It is hoped that MyMathLab will facilitate this learning for students.

5) Why does the teacher have limited control in the classroom, no control over the online program, and no control over in-class tests?

These are the standards of the department. The main reason is to keep consistency within the courses. As always we value students feedback and comments about MyMathLab. We work together with all faculty and students to improve all math classes.

6) The math 1030 course seems to be unpopular among the students taking it along with some teachers as well. If the students are compelled take action against the program, is there a possibility that MyMathLab could be removed?

Math department is going to conduct studies about MyMathLab and asses its learning outcomes. The combination of face-to-face classroom instructions and interactive online homework through advanced technology provides a learning environment for mathematics teaching and learning. We encourage

all students to actively involve with MyMathLab and practice homework questions based on course schedule. We'll continue to explore the tools and find ways to enhance our mathematics teaching and learning.

7) Why is the help center in the first floor of Parker in charge of making up the tests?

The help center in the first floor of Parker, the Academic Support Center, is not involved in the development of tests because the

primary function of the center is to provide tutoring, not making up tests.

8) Is there significant proof that students' grade averages have increased because of the program? Or declined?

There is no proof yet. Math department is going to conduct studies about MyMathLab and asses its learning outcomes. Please also note that students' grade average increase or decrease is usually not related to

one factor alone.
9) Overall, is it known whether the student population taking math 1030 is not performing well, and that the math 1030 program is possibly contributing to the unsatisfaction of the grades?

It is not known why students in general do not perform well in lower math courses. The mathematics faculty is dedicated to find ways to help students understand mathematics better in all levels.

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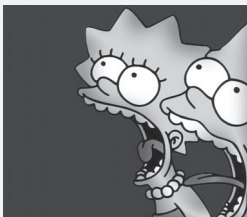
Journalist Laurel Leff and Dr. Gary Gershman.
Photo courtesy NSU Website

Buried by the Times

By Nimita Lakhani
Managing Editor

Thursday, April 7, journalist and NSU's Professor Laurel Leff signed and discussed her upcoming book, *Buried by the Times: The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper*. The book offers an in-detailed perspective and answers on how *The New York Times* failed in its reporting of the Holocaust. In her book, Leff has revealed one of the darkest failures of the New York Times - its non-coverage of the Holocaust during World War II. This book is required material for anyone who is interested in America's response to the Holocaust and for anyone who is curious about how journalists determine what is newsworthy and what is not.

AAAHH!



Where is CAROLINE?

Why is NO ONE talking about SEX?

We're sorry, but the Knightlife' column - Let's Talk About Sex, Baby - is not featured in this issue. However, if you're still craving a little INTIMACY talk, you can check out back issues of Caroline's column by using **KNIGHT SEARCH** at <http://www.knightnewsonline.com>

4th Annual Student Research Symposium & Humanities Festival

By Caroline Cullen
Knightlife Editor

The creative minds of NSU students do not go unnoticed. To honor and recognize Undergraduate students from Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, both Farquhar and the Department of Humanities showcased an afternoon of raw young talent. The festival featured a diverse range of work, including: writers, poets, computational, theoretical, artistic, and everything in between. The symposium and festival showcased research projects and performances throughout the afternoon of April 8; participants displayed poster presentations and formal oral presentations. The event took place on April 8, in the Alvin Sherman Library, with an awards ceremony at the Alfred Miniaci Performing



Dr. Matthew He and Dean Don Rosenblum present Hayley Pierre, one of many honorary winners, with her Certificate of Participation in the humanities festival. Photo courtesy Hayley Pierre

Arts Center, to follow. The event kicked off with a speech by Arthur DeCarlo, associate professor of periodontology in NSU's College of Dental Medicine. The following students and their outstanding contributions were rewarded:

Oral Research Presentation

Micaela Mercado: "A Cross-Cultural Perspective of Cohabitation in Young Adults"

Marie Farrell: "Do Cells Grown in the Same Environment at the Same Time Express the Same Genes: Got DNA?"

Poster – Completed Research

Marissa S. Dass: "Critique of President Bush's 2004 Presidential Nomination Acceptance Speech"

Thomas Brown: *Getting into the Video Game Industry*

Poster – In Progress/Proposed Research

Raquel Appa & Elaine Hammil: "The Catalytic Conversion of Saccharides"

Justine Ben-Hain, Sophie Buzgon, Tatianna Vassilopoulos: "Application of Culture Manipulation to Investigate Life Histories Diversity and Ubiquity of Naked Amoebae from Mangroves"

Research Literature Review

Katina Com: "Should the Consumer Population Purchase Juvenon to Slow Down the Aging Process?"

Viviana Sumi Lee: *Telomerase Inhibitors as a Developing Therapeutic Drug for Cancer Cells*

Historical analysis/ Philosophical Analysis

Vien Tran : "Rethinking Turner's Thesis"

Literary Analysis

Heike Dose: "Christabel and the Stranger within Herself"

Radio Performance

Haley Pierre: "Information Exchange"

Public Speaking

Cheryl Clayton: "Social Security: How Do We Make It Secure"

Original poetry

Marie Cuneo: "Almost"

Danielle Garcia: "Gracias Garcia"

Original fiction

Stephen Deck: "The Library"

Vien Tran: "Day After the Storm"

Literary performance

Medha Gandhi, Keith Dixon, Megan Chin: "Spanglish"

T-Neisha Tate: "Ego Tripping (There May be a Reason Why)"

Journalism

Michael Bergbauer: "The World is Spoiled with Oil"

Rafia Chodhry: "Crisis in Haiti"

2005 Student Life Achievement Award Finalists

Academic Dean of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Dr. Richard Dodge	Oceanographic
Dr. Anthony J. Silvagni	Osteopathic Medicine
Dr. Randolph A. Pohlman	Huizenga School
Dr. Don Rosenblum	Farquhar
Dr. Honggang Yang	SHSS

Staff Person of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Kathie Lowe	Dental Medicine
Claire Komar	CPS
Sue Ohrablo	Huizenga School
Ada Christie	Farquhar
Richard Corbyons	Law

Professor of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Dr. Marcia Sweedler	SHSS
Dr. Abby Brodie	Dental Medicine
Catherine Arcabascio	Law
Dr. Emily Schmitt	Farquhar
Dr. Mahmood Shivji	Oceanographic

Administrator of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Dawn Dacosta	Pharmacy
Mark Powell	Computer Information Sciences
Dr. Matthew He	Farquhar
Sharon Booth	Law
Marc Crocquet	Business Services
Dr. Andrew Rogerson	Oceanographic

Alumnus of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Dr. Gregory James	Osteopathic Medicine
Fanya Jabouin-Monnay	SHSS
Ann McElwain	Huizenga School
Dr. Dominic Callahan	CPS
Amir Stamper	Huizenga School

Student of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Ms. Leigh DeMarco	Pharmacy
Ms. Jessica Gordon	Nursing
Ms. Jessica Parker	CPS
Mr. Christopher Piromalli	NSU - COM HPD
Ms. Elizabeth Harbaugh	Farquhar
Ms. Denise-Burns-LeGros	Optometry
Mr. Jonathan Grilli	University School
Ms. Jamie Monty	Oceanographic Center
Ms. Mary Delrey	Huizenga School
Mr. Robert Hosea	SHSS
Mr. Kory McHenry	Dental Medicine
Ms. Toni Latino	Shepard Broad Law Center
Mr. Dedric Carter	GSCIS
Ms. Jennifer Bowman	FGSEHS

Extended Community Member of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Ms. Sylvia Cantrell Albritton	Tampa
Ms. Lisette Reyes	Miami
Ms. Hyla Polen	West Palm Beach
Mr. Billy Waldrop	Jacksonville
Ms. Vivian Triche	Orlando
Ms. Anne Raskin	Las Vegas

Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Dr. Gary Gershman	Farquhar
Dr. Larry Jensen	Osteopathic Medicine
Dr. Debra Nixon	SHSS
Dr. Marcia Silver	Farquhar
Dr. Kate Waites	Farquhar

NCAA Female Athlete of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Janette Rodriguez	Softball
Melissa Guadagnino	Basketball
Katrena Bonilla	Rowing
Katherine Wintle	Soccer
Taylor Liput	Rowing

NCAA Male Athlete of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Mike Pellerito	Baseball
Adam Ludden	Soccer
Sean McFadden	Business
Stephen Conrad	Golf
Matt Parry	Soccer

Corporate Partner of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
Barnes and Noble	Business Services
Walgreens	Pharmacy
Whole Foods	SHSS
Dutton Press	Publications
Magic Children's Fund	Farquhar

Graduate Organization of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>School, College or Center</u>
SHSS-SGA	SHSS
AphA/ASP	Pharmacy
CPS-SGA	CPS
NSUCOM-SGA	Osteopathic Medicine
G.B.S.A	Huizenga
Student Bar Association	Law

Undergraduate Organization of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>
Tri Beta
Honor Society
Hillel
Gay Straight Student Alliance
Alpha Kappa Psi
Nature Club

Greek Organization of the Year - 2005

<u>Name</u>
Delta Phi Epsilon
Phi Sigma Sigma
Beta Theta Pi
Kappa Sigma
Lambda Theta Phi

Fitness 411

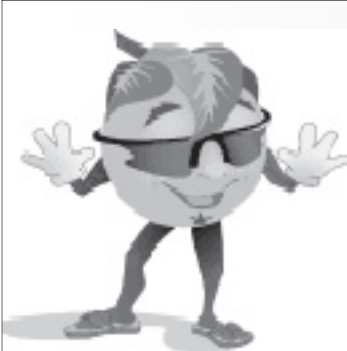
By Danielle Garcia
Contributing Writer

It seems as if everyone today wants to go on a diet to shed a couple of unwanted pounds. Well, extreme diets like cutting out all carbs or the Hollywood Miracle Diet are not necessary. Just develop healthier eating habits and regular exercise will help most people stay at their ideal weight and keep them looking amazing, just in time for summer.

Dr. Elizabeth Swann, Director of the Athletic Training Program at NSU, emphasizes to her students and the athletes she oversees, a few simple rules to living a healthier life:



- 1.) Water is the most important nutrient: drink at least 64 oz a day
- 2.) Fruits and veggies are necessary:eat them with every meal and even as snacks
- Step onto the weight system and find out how many extra pounds you gained from eating that chocolate cake last night. Photo courtesy <http://www004.upp.so-net.ne.jp>



Stop eating that carb-age and try an apple, or better yet, try a taste of me and I'll have you fit and firm in no time.

- Orange

- 3.) Eating breakfast is key to fuel your body throughout the day
- 4.) Avoid fried foods, caffeine, and alcohol on a regular basis
- 5.) Moderation in all areas is vital
- 6.) Exercise is a MUST, 3 times per week 30 minute sessions minimum

These basic rules will help students live longer by keeping the body healthy. It's also okay to have a cup of coffee, but do not be reliant on it everyday. If you feel you lack of energy think about how much sleep you have been getting lately. Eight hours a night is the suggested amount to keep the body running efficiently.

Another tip Dr. Swann tells her students about is to “eliminate empty carbs.” That means try to eliminate, or at least control, your intake of cookies, candy, and cakes: the three C's that can really add extra weight to one's body.



Hmmm... tragic, really was a nice pair of jeans. Photo courtesy <http://www004.upp.so-net.ne.jp>

Remember: the best way to stay at a healthy body weight is regular exercise, eating healthier foods, and constant intake of water. Summer is around the corner and many want to look appealing in a new bathing suit, but one should eat right and exercise all year round to promote a healthy life.



Participants gather around before the walk in front of Alvin Sherman Library. Photo courtesy Rafia Chodhry

Walk F.A.R. for NAAR

By Rafia Chodhry
News Editor

On Saturday, April 9, with the sun shining bright, kids, adults and elderly alike enjoyed the many festivities in front of Alvin Sherman Library. Over 2,000 people in addition to 100 volunteers flocked Broward County to participate in the 2005 National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) walk. Established as an international grass roots walkathon program committed to raising funds for autism research, every year thousands take part in the walk and millions are raised for biomedical research. This year's walk raised over \$168,111.11.



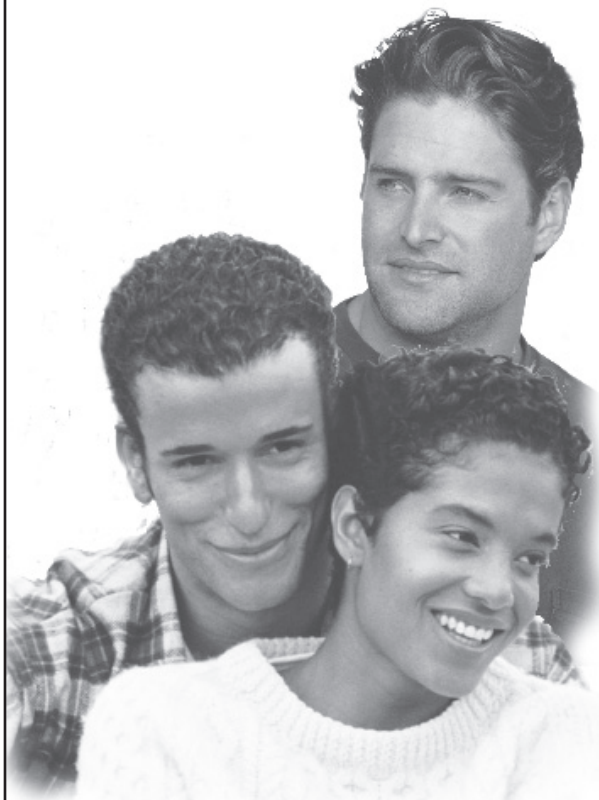
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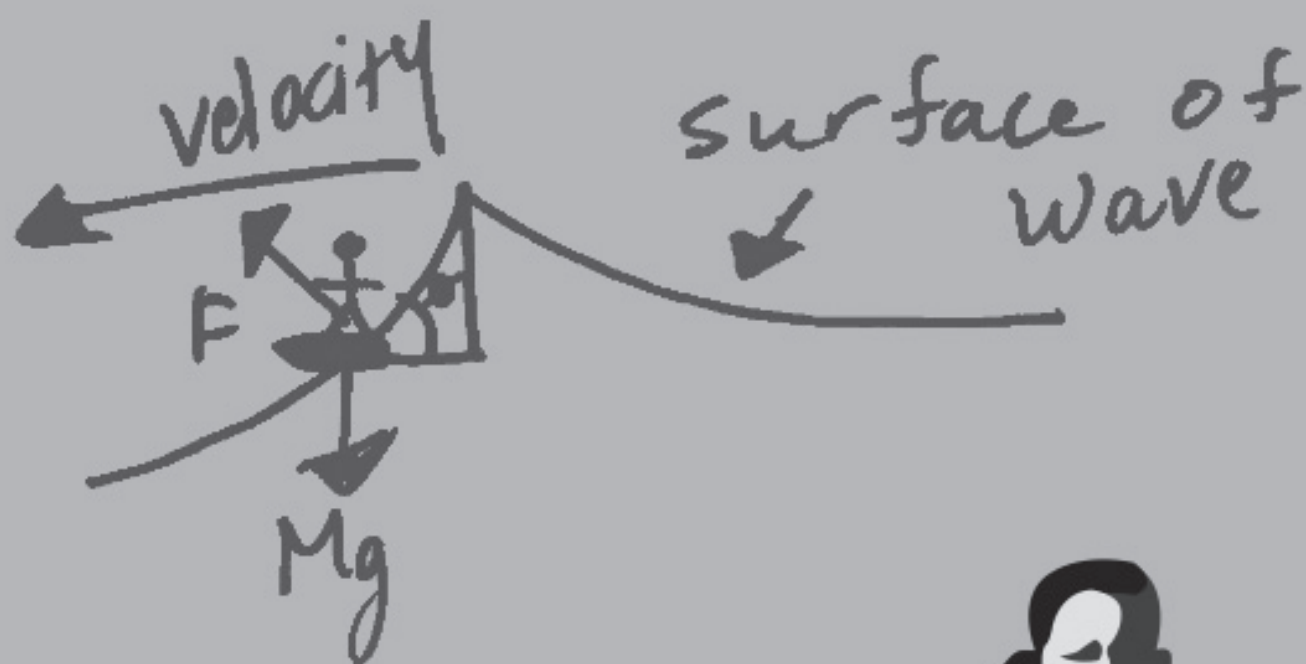
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Movie Review

Sahara

Rating:



\$4, great cast chemistry, Indiana Jones-like action, odd plot, satisfactory action/adventure film

By Paul Saneaux
Staff Writer

Moviegoers that watched *National Treasure* last year wondered how a simple dollar bill and the Declaration of Independence can possibly hint at the location of a long lost American colonial treasure. Fair enough - the idea doesn't sound *that* farfetched. So, how does a long lost Civil War treasure sunken with an ironclad battleship that is hidden somewhere on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean in Africa's Sahara desert sound? Crazy, does it not? Yes, of course, but at least this outrageous plot was presented with more finesse and humor and less plot holes than Nicholas Cage's flop of a film.

One of *Sahara's* features that made it an actual pleasure to watch was the cast. Matthew McConaughey and Steve Zahn are not exactly an odd couple, although their roles were somewhat different: Dirk Pitt (McConaughey) is the tough but sensible leader, and Al Giordino (Zahn) is the semi-slacker sidekick. Despite their typical roles, the two portrayed their characters with realistic qualities of a long friendship. Pitt, since he is the main character, obviously has the muscles and the innate know-how to do just about anything, but Giordino was not useless either. Both of the characters were in the navy, and that fact was not left out of the characters personalities or skills. Both handled firearms like professionals, dealt with the bad guys cleverly, and applied their naval knowledge to their underwater treasure hunting.

However, despite their navy training, Pitt and Giordino did not transform into sadistic killers when they were in danger. On the contrary, McConaughey and Zahn presented a nice mixture of action and humor.

Penelope Cruz's character, Dr. Eva Rojas, and other minor characters also made *Sahara* an attractive action/adventure flick. Rojas also provided humor in her character's confusion with the antics of Pitt and Giordino. It is amusing to see a doctor from the World Health Organization tag along with two hooligans used to being shot at and chased. A character that was in only a small portion of the film but lent a nice amount of comedy was Rudi Gunn (Rainn Wilson): his clumsiness and straightforward lines are a refreshing addition. Two other characters with minor but considerable roles are Admiral Sandecker (William H. Macy) and Yves Massarde (Lambert Wilson). Sandecker was the Admiral when Pitt and Giordino were in the navy and their boss on the underwater research ship and Massarde is the nervous multimillionaire controlled by the evil General Kazim (Lennie James). Macey starred in *Jurassic Park III* and Wilson starred in *The Matrix: Reloaded* and *Revolutions* as the Merovingian.

Unlike *National Treasure*, which included tiresome gun fights and countless explosions, the action in *Sahara* was pleasantly reminiscent of the great action trilogy *Indiana*



Matthew McConaughey stars as everyone's favorite over the top type hero. Photo courtesy Paramount Films

Jones. From car chases in the desert to boat chases in the Niger River and a helicopter chase to conclude the film, *Sahara* reeked with influence from our favorite tomb raider. But this is not a detrimental attribute; fresh humor mixed in with entertaining action that Harrison Ford would have been happy to partake in only made the movie more enjoyable. Complaint can only come from the ridiculous manner in which the characters accidentally happened to come across the elusive Ship of Death and the enemies who could not hit the broad side of a sand dune

with a rocket launcher. The audience is made to assume our heroes are extremely lucky.

Nevertheless, *Sahara* turns out to be a witty and highly entertaining trip through a wasteland of recent and awful adventure flicks. McConaughey is surprisingly talented in *Sahara* despite his last mediocre role in *Reign of Fire*; Zahn brings back the same great humor from *National Security*; and the action was well planned and well executed. *Sahara* is definitely worth catching at one time or another.



Rated: PG-13

Director: Breck Eisner

Writers: Thomas Dean Donnelly, James V. Hart, Josh Oppenheimer, John C. Richards

Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Penelope Cruz, Steve Zahn, Lambert Wilson, William H. Macy

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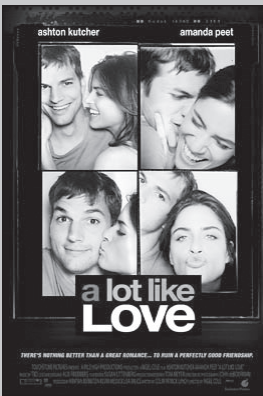
The Interpreter opens to audiences nationwide on April 22. This drama/thriller is rated PG-13 and stars Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn, Catherine Keener, Max Minghella and Jesper Christensen. *Synopsis:* Kidman stars as African-born U.N. interpreter Silvia Broome, who inadvertently overhears a death threat against an African head of state scheduled to address the United Nation’s General Assembly. Realizing she’s become a target of the assassins as well, Silvia’s desperate to thwart the plot... if only she can survive long enough to get someone to believe her. Sean Penn is Tobin Keller, the federal agent charged with protecting the interpreter, who nonetheless suspects she may not be telling the whole truth. Silvia and Tobin, by nature, see life from different points of view: one, a U.N. interpreter, believes in the power and sanctity of words; the other, a Secret Service agent, believes in reading people based on their behavior, no matter what is said.



King’s Ransom opens to audiences nationwide on April 22. This comedy/crime film is rated PG-13 and stars Anthony Anderson, Leila Arcieri, Jay Mohr, Donald Faison, and Regina Hall. *Synopsis:* Anthony Anderson stars as Malcolm King, a wealthy and arrogant businessman whose ex-wife-to-be has plans to take him for everything he’s worth in their divorce settlement. Determined to avoid losing his fortune to her, Malcolm plans his own kidnapping with the help of his dim-witted mistress and her ex-con brother. Unfortunately for Malcolm, he is not the only one with a kidnapping plot.



A Lot Like Love opens to audiences nationwide on April 22. This comedy/drama is rated PG-13 and stars Ashton Kutcher, Amanda Peet, Herschel Bleefeld, Kathryn Hahn, Moon Bloodgood. *Synopsis:* It takes some people years to fall in love at first sight. *A Lot Like Love* is a romantic comedy about destiny, connection and the frequently fuzzy line between chance friendships and happily ever after. This film traces the relationship of Oliver (Kutcher) and Emily (Peet), who met on a flight from LA to New York seven years ago- each of them declaring that they could not be more wrong for each other.

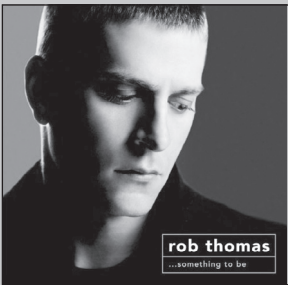


CD Releases

Nine Inch Nails, *The Hand That Feeds*, Released April 19



Rob Thomas, *Something to Be*, Released April 19



Compiled by Alaina Siminovsky

Entertainment in the News:



The cast of Fox’s “Arrested Development.” Photo courtesy fox.com

Arrested Development Status Threatened

By Greg Kyriakakis
Staff Writer

With television sitcoms becoming more predictable and less funny each season, Fox’s “Arrested Development” was a welcome addition when it premiered last year. Now in its second season, the incredibly funny show struggles to find an audience, while its talented cast works to keep the show alive.

Jason Bateman, who has starred in a number of television shows and films from *Little House on the Prairie* to *Dodgeball*, plays Michael Bluth, the lone sane member of his dysfunctional family. Michael’s father was in jail, his overbearing mother still pampers her 30-something son Buster (who now sports a prosthetic hook after his hand was eaten by a seal), his other brother Gob is an aspiring, yet terrible magician, and his sister Lindsay lounges at home all day.

The ensemble cast is strong and work well with each other. Ron Howard narrates the unpredictable mayhem of each episode, which is filmed as a documentary. “Arrested Development” is influenced by irreverent television shows like “Seinfeld” and the “mockumentary”

films by Christopher Guest such as *This is Spinal Tap*. In addition to having great writing and consistently funny regular cast members, a number of special guests grace the show from time to time, including “Happy Days” star Henry Winkler, actor Ben Stiller, and “Scrubs” leading-man Zach Braff.

With its second season now complete, the five-time Emmy winner “Arrested Development” may be permanently ending. This season was reduced to eighteen episodes, down from the usual twenty-two, mostly to make room for the return of “Family Guy” and its unnecessary (and unfunny) clone, “American Dad”. The untraditional humor of “Arrested Development,” coupled with long-running gags and a fairly complex storyline that requires the viewer to be familiar with the previous season to truly enjoy the show, make it hard for newcomers to get into. Thankfully, the first season is available on DVD for fans to catch up with, and a petition has been established at getarrested.com to ensure that the show is picked up for a third season.

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The Two Faces of the SGA

After tiring of hearing complaint after complaint about NSU’s SGA I decided to check them out myself. For the last few weeks I have found myself, Wednesday after Wednesday camped out in the back of the Goodwin classroom listening and cringing at the goings-on. What I noted was a desperate need for change. I realize that the SGA does do some great things but, alas, the SGA hast two faces: a good face - one that appropriates money and does good things for this campus, and a bad face - one that allows the senators to not pay attention and to simply play around with resources that should be a) dealt with responsibly and b) properly allocated so that the students who currently attend NSU are able to make the most of their time here.

There are many things that can be said about the goings on at an SGA meeting. First, for several of the weeks that I was in attendance, the VPL was not. In his place, a substitute had to run the meetings. This is unfortunate for a few reasons: first, the VPL, in meetings that I did attend, did a surprisingly good job at running the meeting. Second, no matter how qualified the substitute was, (and she was qualified, having ran IOC meetings virtually weekly for the past two semesters) there was a significant

error in the procedures used to run the meeting. Why is this an issue? At one point, because the procedure was almost incomprehensible, a \$4,000 bill passed. Granted, there are other issues with this (namely, a certain commuter senator was not paying attention and after voting to defeat the bill, she flip flopped her vote). Please note that this bill was defeated, and brought to a vote again without amendment and without further discussion. She simply voted because she wasn’t paying attention... Maybe you should thank her for using your student activities fund to pay for someone’s books.

Another procedural issue that is frankly funny is the fact that on certain bills, the senator’s abstain. It’s fine to abstain, if you know what an abstention does. Abstaining lowers the majority. What this means is if you have nine senators voting, if each votes for or against the amount needed to pass the bill is five. However, if 2 abstain, then the voting body is instead seven and four votes are needed to pass the bill. At the SGA meeting on April 13, many senators were abstaining. There’s nothing wrong with it, as long as you know what you’re doing. Another issue mass abstentions raises is “why?” If you are abstaining because you don’t

feel there has been enough discussion, maybe the meeting should not have moved out of the discussion phase and into a vote. This brings us to another procedural issue. While in the meeting, the senators discuss bills (without moving into discussion) and then call for the question, or move into a vote. The way this is done is if someone motions and seconds to accept the bill. Doing it this way disenfranchises those senators who wish to have more discussion. A suggestion of how to better serve the senate and thus their consistencies would be to move into a vote- not to move to accept. If you do this, then the motion for a vote has to pass without dissent. Everyone basically has to agree that its time to vote, and then would be better able to cast a vote as opposed to an abstention.

Another thing that I’ll just throw out there is the fact that some of the senators are rude to each other and frankly, discriminate against certain clubs or certain types of clubs. “How do I know,” you ask? Well, I’ve been to a few meetings and one certain athletic senator seems only to ask hard questions of certain types of groups. For example, on April 13, Knights of the Kitchen Table asked for money to buy a storage cabinet. The senate was worried about

where it would go... There is NO specific answer. The club officers maintain that they have attempted to get space, and will know shortly if they do or not. When the next bill came to the floor- it was for the Knight Anime and Video Game club, they want some supplies, she forced the fact that they need, *need* to find a place on campus to keep the items. Ok, so KAVG needs to find a specific place and if they recognize this (which, duh, they do) to get the money, but the cooking club can get funds for a cabinet without a finalized space? Both groups asked their advisors to help find space and were in the process of doing so- but one was treated more harshly than the other.

The only way to ensure that your clubs get what they deserve is to be active. Speak to the senators. Come to SGA meetings. Make sure you’re being heard. Frankly, accountability can be enforced, but only if the students are willing to stop complaining and take an active role in trying to reign in the two faces of the SGA.

I am a senator next year, please feel free to come and complain to me about anything, and I’ll do everything I can to make sure your voice is heard.

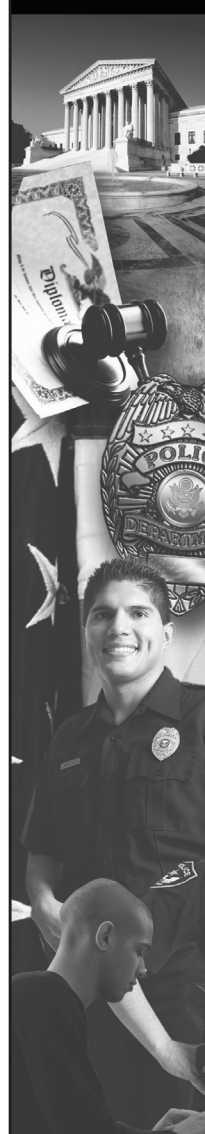
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By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

A Breathtaking Masters Everyone Will Remember

The Masters were held in Augusta, Georgia, and this tournament had twists and turns that no one ever expected. A bizarre week started with two rain delays, and Tiger Woods had a record run of 7 birdies to get him back into contention for the title. The worst thing that happened to Tiger this week was that his eagle putt rolled off the green into the creek. The most exciting part was that Tiger Woods and Chris DiMarco went into a playoff because Tiger bogeyed his last hole and DiMarco parred it. Another of Tiger's downfalls yesterday was that he slacked off and bogeyed his last two holes of the tournament—something he never does. DiMarco held on strong; he shot 68 on Sunday and Tiger shot 71.

There were four rounds of golf that decided who would take home the green jacket. Tiger came out on top with the playoff hole against DiMarco.

Probably the most exciting shot of the day, which determined Tiger's win, was his chip in birdie on the sixteenth hole. It was a very thrilling shot because Tiger chipped it to the top of the hill and let the ball trickle down 25 feet to the hole. The ball got there and stopped on the edge of the cup, finally rolling in after two full seconds of hanging there.

I personally wanted DiMarco to win because he's a great golfer and he never gave up the title. This was Tiger's fourth green jacket; the last time he won was in 2001. No one else was even close to these guys on Sunday; Luke Donald finished tied for third with Retief Goosen, and they were seven strokes behind Tiger and DiMarco.

Phil Mickelson won The Masters last year, but this year he finished in tenth place with a 2-over-par finish.

This win makes it the ninth major for Tiger, tied with Ben Hogan and Gary Player. The only other golfers that ever had at least four major wins were Arnold Palmer with four wins and Jack Nicklaus with six. Now Tiger has another green jacket and regained his spot as the No. 1 golfer in the world.

NSU Falls 13-5 to Florida Southern Mocs in Final of 3-Game Series

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Saturday, April 9, the NSU men's baseball team took on #4 ranked Florida Southern College. FSC is 6-5 in the SSC, and took game one from the Knights to a score of 6-5. In the second game, the Knights rebounded to win the seven-inning second game 4-3.

During the second game, DH Jarrod Lauth hit the game-winning single to score Alex Froloff that was on second base in the bottom of the seventh inning. RHP Derek Antelo improved to 7-0 in the season and allowed five hits and three runs (two earned).

The next day, the men's baseball team took on the Mocs

again in the last of the 3-game series at the NSU Baseball Complex. The Mocs beat the Knights on Sunday 13-5, which takes Florida Southern and the Knights both to 7-5 in the SSC.

In the first inning, the Mocs scored 3 runs, which might have discouraged the Knights in the beginning, but they battled back to get 1 run in the bottom of the second inning. What really made the difference in the third game though was a six-run, five hit sixth inning for Florida Southern. DH Paul Ryan hit a two-run homerun to take the game from the Knights even further.

Chris Callahan from NSU fell 4-3 in the season and FSC had 3 runs in the first and third innings. The Knights had singles in the second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh innings, but that was it. RHP starter Brian Reves enhanced to 5-0 on the season and combined with the relievers Brett



Shawn Langlois hits, and watches it while running to 1st. Photo by Alicia Winslett

Robinson and Ryan Cahalan for their win. The Mocs had three players with big hits and runs in their game to take them to the win. 1B Fred Popp was 3-for-5, with 3 runs, and 2 RBI. LF Nick Diyorio was 2-for-5 with 2 runs. And finally RF Matt Joyce was 2-for-5 with 2 runs and 2 RBI in which they all collected several hits for FSC.

The Knights were led by SS Shawn Langlois and Chris Reynolds. Langlois was 3-for-5 with 1 run and 1 RBI, and Reynolds was 2-for-2 with 1 RBI.



Catcher Steve Smith throws it back to the pitcher. Photo by Alicia Winslett

Nova Southeastern University Men's Golf Team Finishes 16th at Southeastern Collegiate

Brian Macho Finishes 10-Over-Par to Finish 26th Individually

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April 4 and 5, the men's golf team competed in the 2005 Southeastern Collegiate hosted by Valdosta State University, in Valdosta, Georgia. They played at Kinderlou Forest on this par 72 course that played 7,289 yards. NSU shot a three round total of 927 (308-306-313).

Armstrong Atlantic won the event as a team as they shot (301-288-295=884). Armstrong finished six strokes ahead of Rollins College that took second place (295-300-295=890). The Knights finished sixteenth place shooting (308-306-313=927).

Dan Walters from Rollins College won the individual honors as he shot 2-under-par 214 (71-73-70). Three of the AASU golfers finished in the top-10. They were led by Jonathan Cox who shot 1-under par 215 (73-71-71)

and finished tied for second. Tripp Coggins and Jason Fober tied for tenth at 223.

For NSU, Brian Macho led the Knights with a three-day total of 226 (75-74-77). He finished tied for twenty-sixth overall. Josh Green finished fifty-eighth overall with a three-day total of 233 (76-78-79). Michael Wangness shot (78-78-78=234) to finish tied for sixty-third. Martin Styf finished tied for sixty-fifth shooting (79-77-79=235) and Michael Davenport shot (85-77-81).

The next Golf Tournament for



Brian Macho hits his sand shot to the green with Head Coach Kevin Marsh along side watching. Photo by Sophie Friis

the men's team is April 18 and 19. This is the SSC Conference Tournament and it will be played at Lake Jovita Golf Club in Tampa, FL.

Knights Place Second in Varsity Four and Varsity "B" Four, Third in Varsity Eight and Fourth in Junior Varsity Four

The No. 2 Nova Southeastern University women's crew posted big finishes in the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association's Championships on April 12 in Tampa, Florida.

The Knights continued their growing presence in the Florida collegiate scene as they medaled in the strongly contested women's varsity eight and varsity four events, while placing second in the varsity "B" and fourth in the junior varsity four event against strong Division I competition.

In the premier event, NSU's crew, Katrena Bonilla, Nicole Felluca, Ashley Amrich, Miglena Dzhupanova, Lauren Thomas, Monica Henderson, Luciana Bedos, Stephanie Blair and coxswain Cheyenne Poskey moved swiftly off the start, matching all competitors stroke for stroke to the first 200 meters.

With UCF in the lead, NSU continued to doggedly hang with Division I

University of Miami through the next 800 meters. However, an errant stroke by the Knights disrupted the rhythm, allowing the Hurricanes to slip ahead. This provided Sunshine State Conference rivals, Barry University and Florida Tech to surpass the Knights at the 1,000 meter mark. With 800 meters to go, NSU showed professional resilience, not allowing Florida Tech or Barry to slip away. In the final 400 meters, the Knights put together a cracking finish, sprinting past Florida Tech and Barry to finish within three seconds of the Hurricanes in a time of 6:31.6.

In the junior varsity four race, the NSU crew of Taylor Liput, Nicolle Garber, Christy Fritch, Victoria Corybons and coxswain Danielle Garcia finished a strong fourth in an important race against conference opponent Florida Tech. The Knights raced off the line with a great start, gaining the lead early.

However, the Miami A, Miami B and the UCF D1 crews came back to pass the Knights through the 300m mark. NSU continued to pursue the three leaders down the course, while moving father away from Florida Tech to eventually finish fourth with a time of 8:05.4, twenty seconds in front of the fifth place Panthers.

In the varsity four "B" race, a new and mostly novice NSU crew of Mary Brylski, Mary Charissis, Tatiana Fabricio, Marilite' Vazquez-Gonzalez and coxswain Jennifer Moos had a tough start after a rower lost a seat, allowing the University of Miami to gain the lead early. But the Knights recovered and gamely fought down the course finishing second with a time of 9:09.4.

In the final race of the day, the Knights saw another close finish in the final of the varsity four with the crew of Bonilla, Felluca, Amrich, Blair and coxswain Poskey as they

finished second behind the Hurricanes
by 0.7 seconds with a time of 7:23.6.

Quick off the start, the Knights, along with the University of Miami and Barry, separated from the other three crews in the race. After falling behind both the Hurricanes and the Buccaneers, NSU began to move up on the competition at the 1000m mark as they pulled through Barry and gave chase to Miami.

"The crews really showed some speed today," said head coach John Gartin. "Both the eight and varsity four races were down to the wire, but the crews stuck to the race plan and believed in each other's abilities, which produced great results. The junior varsity four also showed a strong kick in the last 300m and I think that we have competitive speed in that boat. We had a great regatta and look forward to next weekend."

Knights Tennis Teen Ace's the Competition to Close out Their Season

Nova Southeastern University's tennis team closed out their season with three victories over the weekend. The Knights swept two Sunshine State Conference opponents and beat cross-town rival Florida Gulf Coast University.

The Knights kicked off their amazing weekend on Saturday, April 9, when they won 9-0 against Sunshine State Conference team against Saint Leo University. The ladies triumphed over the Lions and did not drop a single set in their route to victory. The victory

was critical to the Knights, who needed to sweep the weekend's Sunshine State Conference opponents to finish even in the conference and have a chance at regionals.

The next day, the Knights traveled to the University of Tampa led by the Knights top player Tsippy Waterman, who is ranked twenty-eight in the nation. Coming off their outstanding performance on Saturday the Knights were fired up to take on Tampa. Again the Knights had an exceptional performance as they only

dropped one set in the Singles five but swept every match, making this the second victory of the weekend with a 9-0 finish.

After the victory, the ladies loaded up and headed over to Florida Gulf Coast University to squeeze in the FGCU, a make up match. Tired but determined to finish their season on a good note, the Knights fought vigorously. Their efforts were well rewarded when the Knights finished the match up with a third victory over FGCU, 6-3. The ladies dropped the

two and three doubles matches and the fifth singles, but were able to pull out all the other matches for their third victory.

The weekend was extremely successful for the team who has struggled a bit through the season but showed their true potential as they get ready for regionals. The Knights will also graduate two seniors this year, Michelle Alvarez and Sabrina Booi.

Matches

1. **Stefanie Gribi/No. 28 Tsippy Waterman (NSU)** def. Leitch/Nikolovska (SLU) - 8-3
2. **Jessica Homerlein/Andrea Mercado (NSU)** def. Comegys/Feolita (SLU) - 8-2
3. **Anna Schmidtman/Simin Schmitz (NSU)** def. Johansen/Prack (SLU) - 8-4

1. **No. 28 Tsippy Waterman (NSU)** def. Feolita (SLU) - 6-1, 6-0
2. **Stefanie Gribi (NSU)** def. Nikolovska (SLU) - 7-5, 7-5
3. **Anna Schmidtmann (NSU)** def. Comegys (SLU) - 6-1, 6-3
4. **Jessica Homerlein (NSU)** def. Leitch (SLU) - 6-1, 6-0
5. **Simin Schmitz (NSU)** def. Johansen (SLU) - 6-1, 6-1
6. **Stephanie Zevallos (NSU)** def. Prack (SLU) - 7-5, 6-2

1. **No. 28 Tsippy Waterman/Stefanie Gribi (NSU)** def. Pine/Belaidi (UT) - 8-1
 2. **Jessica Homerlein/Andrea Moncada (NSU)** def. Eli/Fillion (UT) - 8-4
 3. **Anna Schmidtman/Simin Schmitz (NSU)** def. Scudder/McCabe (UT) - 8-4

Singles

1. **No. 28 Tsippy Waterman (NSU)** def. Fillion (UT) - 6-1, 6-1
2. **Stefanie Gribi (NSU)** def. Pine (UT) - 6-1, 6-1
3. **Andrea Moncada (NSU)** def. Belaidi (UT) - 7-5, 6-3
4. **Anna Schmidtmann (NSU)** def. Scudder (UT) - 6-0, 6-0
5. **Jessica Homerlein (NSU)** def. Eli (UT) - 6-3, 5-7, (10-4)
6. **Simin Schmitz (NSU)** def. Akman (UT) - 7-5, 6-0

1. **Stefanie Gribi/No. 28 Tsippy Watermann (NSU)** def. Polulak/Testa Maggiorini (FGCU) - 8-1
2. Ciesinska/Hileman (FGCU) def. **Andrea Moncada/Jessica Homerlein (NSU)** - 8-6
3. Mykieta/Kinley (FGCU) def. **Anna Schmidtman/Simin Schmitz (NSU)** - 8-2

1. **No. 28 Tsippy Waterman (NSU)** def. Testa Maggiorini (FGCU) - 6-1, 6-2
2. **Stefanie Gribi (NSU)** def. Hileman (FGCU) - 6-2, 6-3
3. **Andrea Moncada (NSU)** def. Ciesinska (FGCU) - 6-4, 6-2
4. **Anna Schmidtman (NSU)** def. Polulak (FGCU) - 6-3, 6-1
5. Mykieta (FGCU) def. **Jessica Homerlein (NSU)** - 6-4, 6-4
6. **Simin Schmitz (NSU)** def. Passolt - 6-2, 6-2

Men’s and Women’s Sports Stats

Women’s Tennis (12-10, 4-4 SSC)

The Knights won eight of their final 10 regular season matches, including the last three to head into the Sunshine State Conference Championships with a 12-10 record. NSU also took three of its final four conference matches to even its SSC record at 4-4 in the first year of eligibility for conference records and championships.

SSC STANDINGS					
	SSC			OVERALL	
	W	L		W	L
Lynn	8	0		18	3
Barry	7	1		15	2
Florida Southern	5	2		14	3
Rollins	4	2		12	4
Nova Southeastern	4	4		12	10
Eckerd	2	4		9	7
Tampa	2	6		7	12
Saint Leo	1	6		5	14
Florida Tech	0	8		2	12

Women’s Rowing

The No. 2 NSU women’s rowing team was third in the varsity eight race at the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta this past weekend. NSU finished in a time of 6:31.6, ahead of both Barry and Florida Tech. Division I UCF (6:15.6) won the event with DI counterpart Miami (6:28.2) second. The Knights then finished second in both of the women’s varsity four races. The varsity four “B” crew finished behind UM in a time of 9:09.4 and then the varsity four “A” crew finished in 7:23.6, less than a second behind UM (7:22.9) in the closest race of the day.

Baseball (24-14, 7-5 SSC)



Catcher Steve Smith and Chris Callahan talk before the next pitch. Photo by Alicia Winslett

Senior RHP Derek Antelo(Miami,Fla.)leads the pitching staff with a 7-0 record,1.97 ERA and 61 strikeouts. Antelo scattered five hits and allowed three runs (two earned) en route to a seven-inning complete-game win over No. 4 Florida Southern this weekend. Sean McFadden (Jr.,

Hollywood, Fla.) has a .343 BA (47-for-137) to lead the team at the plate. McFadden is also tied with junior Jarrod Lauth (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) for the team lead in RBI with 27 each.

SSC STANDINGS							
	SSC				OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT		W	L	T PCT
Tampa	9	3	.750		30	10	0 .750
Lynn	10	5	.667		27	14	0 .659
Rollins	9	6	.600		26	12	0 .684
Florida Southern	7	5	.583		31	6	0 .838
Nova Southeastern	7	5	.583		24	14	0 .632
Florida Tech	7	8	.467		24	18	0 .571
Saint Leo	4	5	.444		20	15	0 .571
Barry	5	10	.333		23	17	0 .575
Eckerd	2	13	.133		11	27	0 .289

Softball (19-24, 4-11 SSC)

Diana Goolsby (Ocala, Fla.) leads the team with 48 hits and 16 stolen bases. Freshman pitcher Laura Cepicky (Waterloo, Ill.) has struck out a team-high 134 batters in 128.2 innings of work and is 36 K’s shy of breaking the NSU single-season strikeout record with 11 games remaining in the 2005 season.

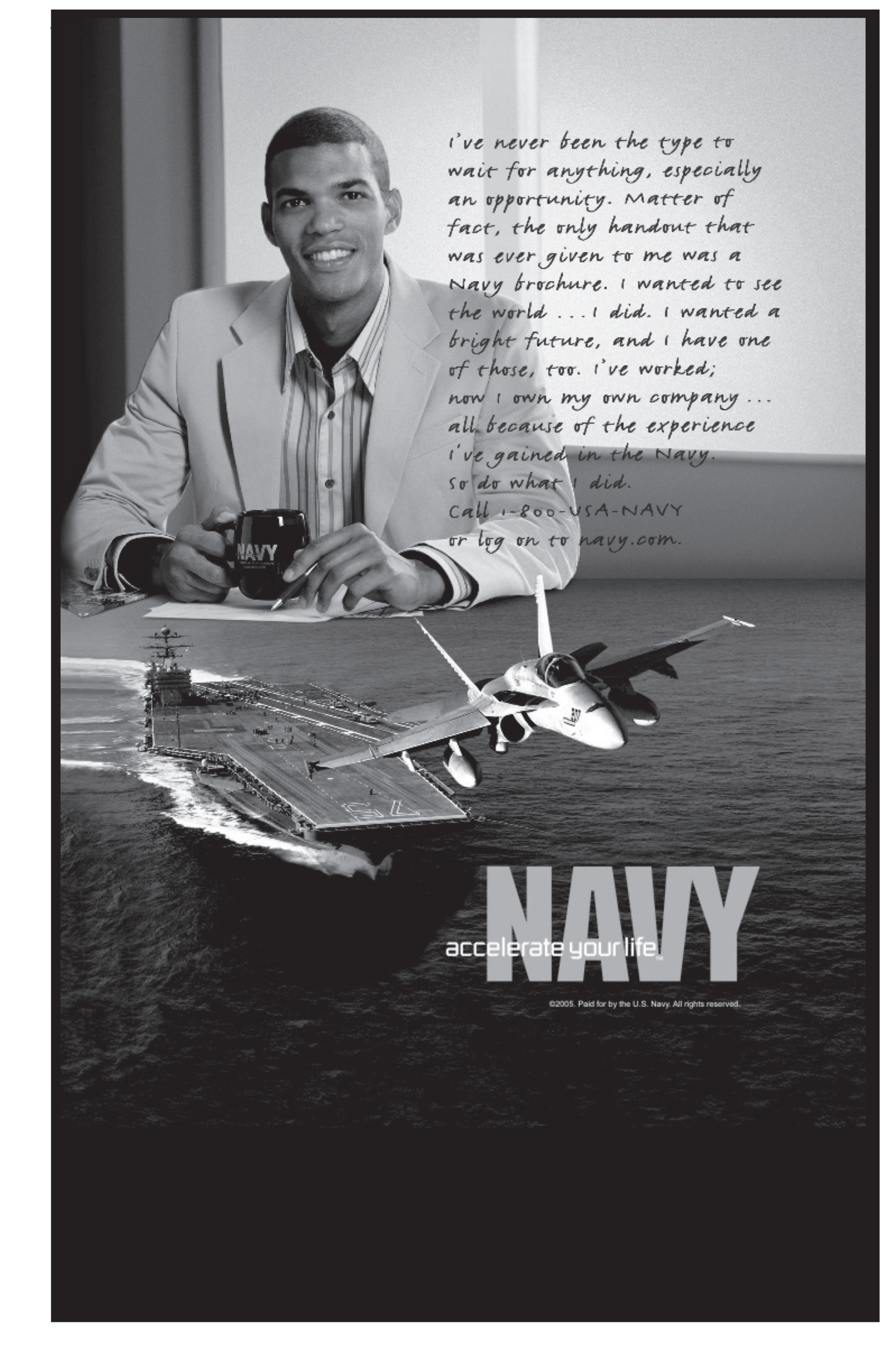
SSC STANDINGS							
	SSC				OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT		W	L	T PCT
Saint Leo	13	2	.867		30	7	0 .811
Lynn	15	3	.833		39	6	0 .867
Florida Southern	11	4	.733		29	7	0 .806
Barry	9	6	.600		25	16	0 .610
Florida Tech	8	7	.533		29	10	0 .744
Tampa	7	11	.389		15	16	0 .484
Rollins	5	10	.333		27	13	0 .675
Nova Southeastern	4	11	.267		19	24	0 .442
Eckerd	0	18	.000		5	32	0 .135

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Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Sometimes it's a little difficult to find something to write about. Usually, I go on about something I've seen that I find irritating, and sometimes it's something that amuses me. However, the things that I like or dislike can certainly get boring.

Which is why I want to hear from all of you.

For those who read the *Sun Sentinel*, *The Herald*, *The New York Times*, the newspapers from wherever you happen to be from, or any newspaper in general that isn't *The Knight*, the following may be a merely a reminder. But for others who don't often read the paper, or at least skip over the Opinion section, this could be totally new information.

Back home (in the very damp Pacific Northwest), I read the local paper religiously. Not that it was an excellent paper (in truth, my high school newspaper had the tendency to poke fun at it a bit), but I had a counter job at a business that might see a dozen customers in a day, and I often got a little bored. *The Reflector*, as the paper was named, had your usual coverage of local events, high school sports, and more classifieds than perhaps was necessary, but the highlight of this particular publication was the letters to the editor.

Yes, you read that right: the highlight of the paper was the letters to the editor.

Why was this? The people in the local community (which tended to be a little conservative, but were almost always super supportive of education and the arts) didn't just write in about things they saw in the paper. They did that sometimes - I remember once a gentleman writing in about the 'violent' words used in a story about the girls' basketball team and mentioning that the players in the accompanying picture looked 'demonic' - but it was certainly not the norm. Most people wrote letters about good or bad experiences at local businesses, campaigned for their favorite prospective school board members, argued for or against local legislature, or commented on the latest theatre production being put on at the high school. (The latter they did several times; there were a number of nasty letters in response to our cleaned-up version of the musical *Pippin*, and seriously mixed reactions about the student-written series of short plays, *The Gemini Project*)

It wasn't just the subjects of the letters, either. Some of them were incredibly well written, while others were fairly comical. The thing that tied them all together was that most, if not all, provoked some kind of response. Someone would write in, and the next week, another person (or two or three) will have either written a rebuttal or an agreement to the first letter. Sometimes it would take a month or so for a topic to die off and it was truly a shame to miss an issue because you were sure to miss an interesting bit of argument. At the very least, there would be verbal discussions around town, especially among those which the letters were about.

I miss that a little bit. In such a small community, a lot of intelligent (and some not-so-intelligent) discussion occurred because there were few enough people (only a few thousand) served by the one paper, that when something came up, most people knew what was going on. With large metropolitan papers, such a large area is served that sometimes the little things get lost.

The NSU Community reminds me a little of the town I grew up in, and I'd like to see that kind of conversation again. Here, we have a group of tight-knit, intelligent individuals who all have a little something in common but are diverse enough to keep things interesting.

So now I'd like to hear from you. Tell us what you thought of the SGA elections. Give kudos to a club you thought put on a great event. Let the rest of the community know what you think of the mascot change or what you hope the new student center will bring. Give us your opinion on politics or recycling or human rights.

The Knight is your paper, and this is your community.

Send your thoughts to nsunews@nova.edu and start your own discussion.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

This Week's Poll Question:

Which column kept your interest this issue?

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Wait! There are other columns? I'm still trying to find the "Let's Talk About Sex, Baby" column

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Last Week's Poll Question:

How do you feel about the recent discrimination against the GLBT community?

Results:
67% It upsets me

33% What the heck is GLBT?

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Expressions of the Harlem Renaissance

By Rafia Chodhry
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Expressions of Harlem Renaissance was a play depicting the quest of Lena, played by Ester A. Fortune, to reach Harlem and pursue a career as a singer at one of the hottest Cotton Clubs. Produced and directed by Phyllis Jones, Graduate Assistance of Performing Arts, the play debuted April 9 at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. For those who missed the performance, here is a look back.



Above: Jamie Fulton, Willie Wood and Mike Thomas



Above: Adrian Mack and Esther Fortune
Left: Esther A. Fortune in her role as Lena



Above: T-Neisha Tate, Robyn Shaplo, Esther Fortune, Angel Polk, Lauren Adamczyk and Isibel Moreno.



Left: T-Neisha Tate, Adrian Mack, Zachary Kane, Thea Beauchamp, Esther Fortune, Mike Thomas, Steve Jean Louis, Nathalie Pluviose and Phyllis Jones at the mike making last bow.

Photos by Rafia Chodhry